



# STIC Search Report

## EIC 3700

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### Search Notes

Dear Alex,

Please find below an inventor search in the bibliographic and full-text foreign patent files, as well as keyword searches in the patent and non-patent literature files, both bibliographic and full text.

References of potential pertinence have been tagged, but please review all the packets in case you like something I didn't.

In addition to searching on Dialog, I also searched Google.com, Google catalogs, and EPO/JPO/Derwent.

Please contact me if I can refocus or expand any aspect of this case.

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# STIC Search Results Feedback Form

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## Voluntary Results Feedback Form

➤ I am an examiner in Workgroup: 3714 Example: 3730

➤ Relevant prior art **found**, search results used as follows:

- ☐ 102 rejection
- ☐ 103 rejection
- ☐ Cited as being of interest.
- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the invention.
- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the state of the art in their technology.

Types of relevant prior art found:

- ☐ Foreign Patent(s)
- ☐ Non-Patent Literature  
(journal articles, conference proceedings, new product announcements etc.)

➤ Relevant prior art **not found**:

- ☐ Results verified the lack of relevant prior art (helped determine patentability).
- ☐ Results were not useful in determining patentability or understanding the invention.

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CALIFORNIA CODES  
**ELECTIONS CODE**  
SECTION 15650-15654

15650. This article does not apply to any primary election.

15651. (a) If at any election, except as provided in subdivision (b) and an election for Governor or Lieutenant Governor, two or more persons receive an equal and the highest number of votes for an office to be voted for in more than one county, the Secretary of State shall forthwith summon the candidates who have received the **tie** votes, whether upon the canvass of the returns by the Secretary of State or upon recount by a court, to appear before him or her at the Secretary of State's office at the State Capitol at a time to be designated by him or her. The Secretary of State shall at that time and place determine the **tie** by lot. Except as provided in subdivision (b), in the same manner, at a time and place designated by it, the election board shall determine a **tie** vote, whether upon the canvass of the returns by the election board or upon a recount by a court, for candidates voted for wholly within one county or city.

(b) In lieu of resolving a **tie** vote by lot as provided in subdivision (a), the legislative body of any county, city, or special district not subject to the Uniform District Election Law (Part 4 (commencing with Section 10500) of Division 10) may resolve a **tie** vote by the conduct of a special runoff election involving those candidates who received an equal number of votes and the highest number of votes.

A special runoff election shall be held only if the legislative body adopts the provisions of this subdivision prior to the conduct of the election resulting in the **tie** vote. If a legislative body decides to call a special runoff election in the event of a **tie** vote, all future **elections** conducted by that body shall be resolved by the conduct of a special runoff election, unless the legislative body later repeals the authority for the conduct of a special runoff election.

If a special runoff election is held pursuant to this subdivision, the legislative body shall call for the runoff election to be held in the local entity on a Tuesday not less than 40 nor more than 125 days after the administrative or judicial certification of the election that resulted in a **tie** vote. If a regular election is to be held throughout the jurisdiction within that time period, the special runoff election shall be held on the same day as, and consolidated with, the regular election.

15652. If the **tie** vote has been determined pursuant to Section 15651, the person declared elected by the Secretary of State or the election board is entitled to a certificate of election. The Secretary of State, the county **elections** official or the city **elections** official, whichever the case may be, shall immediately make out and deliver to that person a certificate of election.

15653. When two or more persons have an equal and highest number of votes for either Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary of State shall deliver a certificate to that effect to each of the tied candidates. Each tied candidate may present the certificate to the Legislature in the manner that he or she sees fit.

15654. In case any two or more persons have an equal and highest number of votes for either Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the Legislature shall, by a joint vote of both houses, choose one of the persons to fill the office.

CALIFORNIA CODES  
**ELECTIONS CODE**  
SECTION 15670-15673

15670. This article applies only to:

(a) Candidates for delegates to a national convention for the nomination of party candidates for President and Vice President of the United States.

(b) Candidates for nomination at the direct primary to offices other than nonpartisan offices.

15671. In case of a **tie** vote for member of the State Board of Equalization, state Senator, Member of the Assembly, Representative in Congress or member of a county central committee, where the office is to be voted for wholly within one county, the election board shall forthwith summon the candidates who have received **tie** votes to appear before it, at a time and place to be designated by the board, and the board shall at that time and place determine the **tie** by lot.

15672. In the case of a **tie** vote for an office other than a judicial or school office to be voted on in more than one county, the Secretary of State shall forthwith summon the candidates who have received **tie** votes to appear before him or her at his or her office at the State Capitol at a time to be designated by him or her. The Secretary of State shall at that time and place determine the **tie** by lot.

15673. The summons mentioned in this article shall in every case be mailed to the address of the candidate as it appears upon his or her affidavit of registration, at least five days before the day fixed for the determination of the **tie** vote.

CALIFORNIA CODES  
**ELECTIONS CODE**  
SECTION 10500-10556

10500. (a) This part may be cited as the Uniform District Election Law.

(b) As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Affected county" means a county in which any land of the district or agency is situated.

(2) "Director" means a member of the governing body.

(3) "District" or "agency" means any district or agency of the type designated by and formed pursuant to the provisions of any principal act that incorporates this part.

(4) "Elective office" means any office that may, under the principal act of the district or agency, be filled by way of an election.

(5) "Elective officer" means "elective officer" as defined by the principal act of each district or agency or if not defined, any officer of a district or agency holding an office that can be filled by election.

(6) "General district election" means an election held pursuant to the provisions of this part.

(7) "Governing body" means the board of directors of a district or agency or the board or body which governs the activities of the district or agency.

(8) "Landowner voting district" means a district whose principal act requires an elector to be an owner of land located within the district.

(9) "Principal act" means the law providing for the creation of a particular district or agency or type of district or agency.

(10) "Principal county" means the county in which all the land in the district or agency is situated, or if the district or agency is situated in more than one county, the county in which the greatest portion of the land in the district or agency is situated.

(11) "Resident voting district" means any district other than a landowner voting district.

(12) "Secretary" means the secretary of the governing body or a person designated by him or her to perform a duty of the secretary.

(13) "Supervising authority" means the board of supervisors of the county in which is situated all or most of the land of a district.

(14) "Voter" means a voter or elector as respectively defined in the principal act of each district or agency.

10501. It is the purpose of this part to provide a procedure for the election of elective officers of districts. These **elections** shall be called and conducted and the results canvassed, returned, and declared pursuant to this part.

10502. (a) This part shall apply to all districts and agencies whose principal acts so provide. However, the provisions of this part requiring the county **elections** official to conduct **elections** shall apply to all resident voting districts and agencies, and, at the discretion of the county **elections** official, may apply to landowner voting districts, notwithstanding any other provision of

law.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the county **elections** official shall conduct an election on behalf of a landowner voting district if the governing body of the district, by resolution, requests that assistance and agrees to reimburse the county pursuant to Section 10520 and any county ordinances or resolutions consistent therewith. A district making that request shall supply information regarding qualified voters pursuant to Section 10525, and any other pertinent information requested by the county **elections** official. The election may be conducted by all-mailed ballots at the discretion of the county **elections** official. The election may not be held on the same date as a regularly scheduled election. The county **elections** official may rely upon the list of qualified voters and other information supplied by the district and shall not be required to determine the qualified voters. If the district does not supply the required information regarding qualified voters and other pertinent information requested by the county **elections** official within the time specified in Section 10525, the county **elections** official shall have no further obligation with respect to the election, and the district shall be responsible for conducting all remaining election activities.

(c) Where this part conflicts with the principal act, this part shall apply and control.

(d) This part shall not apply to the election of elective officers of the district upon formation of the district, except as to the term of office of the officers.

10503. Where this part provides that the principal act shall govern, and the principal act contains no provisions on the matter, the general election laws of this state shall govern. Where neither this part nor the principal act apply, the general election laws of this state shall govern.

10504. Whenever this part requires the secretary of a district to deliver a notice or other information to the county **elections** official on or before a designated date, the secretary may personally deliver the notice or other information on or before that date, or may deliver the notice or other information by certified mail if the notice or other information will be received by the county **elections** official in the ordinary course of the mails on or before that designated date.

10505. The terms of office of elective officers in all new districts shall be determined as follows:

(a) If the district is formed in an odd-numbered year, the officers elected at the formation election shall hold office until noon on the first Friday in December of the next following odd-numbered year, provided officers elected at an election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November shall hold office as provided in subdivision (c).

(b) If the district is formed in an even-numbered year, the officers elected at the formation election shall hold office until noon on the first Friday in December of the second next following odd-numbered year.

(c) The directors elected at the first general district election held in a district and at a formation election held at the same time as the general district election shall meet as soon as practicable after taking office and classify themselves by lot into two classes, as nearly equal in number as possible, and the terms of office of the class having the greater number shall be four years and the terms of office of the class having the lesser number shall be two years. All other elective officers elected at the election shall hold office for a term of four years or until their successor is elected and qualifies.

10506. Whenever a district shall increase the number of divisions, if there are any, the terms of office of the offices of director thus created shall be determined by the governing body, but in no event shall the term designated by the governing body be for more than four years. The terms of office thus created shall be determined in such a manner as to keep as nearly equal as practicable the number of directors to be elected at each subsequent general district election.

Upon the expiration of the term so designated by the governing body, the directorship shall be filled at the next general district election and general district **elections** held thereafter. The term of office of each subsequent director thus elected is four years or until his or her successor qualifies and takes office.

10507. Except as otherwise provided in this part, the term of office of each elective officer, elected or appointed pursuant to this part, is four years or until his or her successor qualifies and takes office.

10508. The principal act shall govern whether directors of a district are elected by divisions or by the district at large.

10509. On the 125th day prior to the day fixed for the general district election, the secretary shall deliver a notice to the county **elections** official. The notice shall bear the secretary's signature and the district seal and shall also contain both of the following:

(a) The elective offices of the district to be filled at the next general district election, specifying which offices, if any, are for the balance of an unexpired term.

(b) Whether the district or the candidate is to pay for the publication of a statement of qualifications pursuant to Section 13307.

10510. (a) Forms for declarations of candidacy for all district offices shall be obtained from the office of the county **elections** official. The county **elections** official may, for convenience or necessity, authorize the district secretary to issue declarations of candidacy. The forms shall first be available on the 113th day prior to the general district election and shall be filed not later than 5



p.m. on the 88th day prior to the general district election in the office of the county **elections** official during regular office hours or may be filed by certified mail so that the forms reach the office of the county election official no later than the deadline for filing in that office. The county **elections** official shall record the date of filing upon the first page of each declaration of candidacy filed pursuant to this section. No candidate shall withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy after 5 p.m. on the 88th day prior to the general district election.

(b) On request of the district secretary, the county **elections** official shall provide the secretary with a copy of each declaration of candidacy filed pursuant to this section.

10511. The declaration of candidacy shall be in substantially the following form:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby declare myself as a candidate for election to the office of \_\_\_\_\_. (\_\_\_\_ Initial here if the office for which you are running is for the balance of an unexpired term.) I am a registered voter. If elected, I will qualify and accept the office of \_\_\_\_\_ and serve to the best of my ability. I request my name be placed on the

official ballot of the district for the election to be held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and that my name appear on the ballot as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name above)

My current residence address is

\_\_\_\_\_ and my telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_.

I desire the following occupational designation to appear on the ballot under my name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print desired designation, if any, above)

This occupational designation is true and in conformance with Section 13107 of the **Elections Code**.

I am aware that any person who files or submits for filing a declaration of candidacy knowing that it or any part of it has been made falsely is punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both, as set forth in Section 18203 of the **Elections Code**.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate)

10512. Each candidate shall set forth in full the oath or affirmation set forth in Section 3 of Article XX of the California

Constitution, which shall be filed with the declaration of candidacy.

The county **elections** official or district secretary, or a person designated by the county **elections** official or district secretary, shall administer the oath.

10513. Upon filing each declaration of candidacy, the county **elections** official shall examine the declaration to determine if it conforms with the provisions of this part and shall certify whether it is sufficient. For this purpose, the **elections** official shall be entitled to obtain from any officer of an affected county all information necessary to make this determination.

10514. The qualifications of a candidate for elective office, and of an elective officer, of a district shall be determined by the principal act of that district.

10515. (a) If, by 5 p.m. on the 83rd day prior to the day fixed for the general district election: (1) only one person has filed a declaration of candidacy for any elective office to be filled at that election, (2) no one has filed a declaration of candidacy for such an office, (3) in the case of directors to be elected from the district at large, the number of persons who have filed a declaration of candidacy for director at large does not exceed the number of offices of director at large to be filled at that election, or (4) in the case of directors who must reside in a division but be elected at large, the number of candidates for director at large from a division does not exceed the number required to be elected director at large while residing in that division; and if a petition signed by 10 percent of the voters or 50 voters, whichever is the smaller number, in the district or division if elected by division, requesting that the general district election be held has not been presented to the officer conducting the election, he or she shall submit a certificate of these facts to the supervising authority and request that the supervising authority, at a regular or special meeting held prior to the Monday before the first Friday in December in which the election is held, appoint to the office or offices the person or persons, if any, who have filed declarations of candidacy. The supervising authority shall make these appointments.

(b) If no person has filed a declaration of candidacy for any office, the supervising authority shall appoint any person to the office who is qualified on the date when the election would have been held. The person appointed shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at a general district election for the office.

(c) Where a director must be appointed to represent a division, all or most of which is not within the county governed by the supervising authority, then the board of supervisors of the county within which all or most of that division is located shall be the body to which request for appointment is made and which shall make the appointment.

10516. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any district or agency election, if a declaration of candidacy for an

incumbent elective officer of a district is not filed by 5 p.m. on the 88th day before the general district election, any person other than the person who was the incumbent on the 88th day shall have until 5 p.m. on the 83rd day before the election to file a declaration of candidacy for the elective office.

(b) This section is not applicable where there is no incumbent to be elected. If this section is applicable, notwithstanding Section 10510, a candidate may withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy until 5 p.m. on the 83rd day before the general election.

10517. Except as otherwise provided by this part, the county **elections** official of each affected county shall conduct the general district election for the portion of the district located within the county. Where a district is located in two or more counties, the county **elections** officials of these counties may contract among themselves to have one of their number conduct the election for the district.

10518. If, within any portion of a county, only one district has scheduled a general district election, the county **elections** official may authorize the appropriate officer of the district to perform any of the functions required of the county **elections** official under this part.

10519. At the request of a district governing body, the county **elections** official may perform any of the duties of the district secretary and the supervising authority may perform any of the duties of the district governing body.

10520. Each district involved in a general district election in an affected county shall reimburse the county for the actual costs incurred by the county **elections** official thereof in conducting the general district election for that district. The county **elections** official of the affected county shall determine the amount due from each district and shall bill each district accordingly.

10521. Qualifications of voters of a district, the number of votes each voter may cast, and the method of determining that number of votes shall be governed by the principal act of that district.

10522. At least 125 days prior to the day fixed for the general district election, the secretary of a resident voting district shall deliver to the county **elections** official of each affected county a map showing the boundaries of the district and the boundaries of the divisions of the district, if any, within that county and a statement indicating in which divisions a director is to be elected and whether any elective officer is to be elected at large at the next general district election.

10523. Notwithstanding any provision in the principal act, **elections** shall be at large in any resident voter district in which there are fewer than 100 voters.

10524. At least 125 days prior to the date fixed by the general district election, the secretary of a landowner voting district shall deliver to the county **elections** official of each affected county a map or description of the boundaries of the district or divisions for which **elections** are to be held.

10525. (a) At least 35 days prior to the date fixed for the landowner district election, the secretary of a landowner district for which an election has not been canceled pursuant to Section 10515, shall deliver to the county **elections** official of each affected county a list of voters qualified under the principal act of that district to vote in that county at the next landowner district election. For this purpose, the secretary of a landowner voting district shall be entitled to obtain from any office of an affected county all information necessary to prepare the list.

(b) The list delivered pursuant to subdivision (a) shall contain the name of each voter qualified under the principal act of the landowner voting district to vote at the next landowner district election, the residence of each voter, the division, if any, of the district in which each voter is entitled to vote, and the manner in which the votes are to be distributed.

(c) The secretary of the landowner district shall sign his or her name and affix the seal of the district at the bottom of the last page of the list. One copy of this list shall be conspicuously posted in the office of the district in a place to which the public generally has access. If the office is located in a private home, the list shall be posted in some public building.

(d) The governing board may, by resolution, determine that the duties of the secretary set forth in this section would best be performed by the county **elections** official, in which case the county **elections** official shall thereafter assume these duties.

10526. At least 30 days prior to the day fixed for the next general district election, the county **elections** official shall have prepared a sufficient number of ballots for the voters of each resident voter district participating in the election.

10527. At least 20 days prior to the date fixed for the next general district election, the county **elections** official shall have prepared a sufficient number of ballots for the voters of each landowner voting district participating in the election.

10528. Except as otherwise provided by this part, the form of the ballot to be used by the voters of a landowner voting district participating in the general district election shall be governed by

the principal act of that district. The county **elections** official shall determine and specify the form of the ballot to be used by the voters of resident voting districts and may, if practicable, provide a consolidated ballot covering two or more district **elections** in the same precinct.

10529. Whenever a candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy, and the candidate's declaration of candidacy has been certified as sufficient pursuant to Section 10513, the name of the candidate shall be printed upon the ballot unless the candidate has died and that fact has been ascertained by the officer charged with the duty of printing the ballots, at least 68 days before the day of the election.

10530. Absent voting shall be allowed and conducted as nearly as practicable in accordance with Division 3 (commencing with Section 3000) pertaining to general **elections**, except in those districts in which voting by proxy is allowed unless a particular district shall, by resolution pursuant to Section 4108, provide for an all-mail ballot election.

10531. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, special absent voting shall be allowed in lieu of voting by proxy in any landowner district election in which voting by proxy is allowed, provided that, at least 110 days before the election, the governing board of the district adopts this section. If a district adopts this section, the voting shall be conducted as follows:

(a) The absentee ballot shall be available to any eligible voter of the district.

(b) The form of application for the ballot shall be distributed to each voter with the sample ballot and shall contain spaces for each of the following:

(1) The printed name and address of the voter.

(2) The address to which the ballot is to be mailed.

(3) The voter's signature.

(4) The authorization of a legal representative, as defined in Section 34030 of the Water **Code**, to receive the absent voter's ballot if the voter so chooses.

(5) The name and date of the election for which the request is made.

(6) The date the application shall be received by the county **elections** official, which date shall be at least seven days before the election.

(7) The insertion of the sample ballot name and address label on the application.

(c) Upon receipt of absentee ballot application and verification that it has been properly completed, the county **elections** official shall mail an absent voter's ballot to the voter or legal representative with an identification envelope, which shall contain each of the following:

(1) A declaration under penalty of perjury stating that the voter is entitled to vote in the election.

(2) Space for the signature of the voter or legal representative and the date of signing.

(3) A notice that the envelope contains an official ballot and is to be opened only by the appropriate election officials.

(d) The voting shall be pursuant to those additional procedures, if any, that the county **elections** official shall deem necessary to the proper conduct of the election, provided that the overall additional procedures shall substantially comply with Division 3 (commencing with Section 3000) and Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 15000) of Division 15, and shall be consistent with landowner voting requirements.

(e) Notwithstanding Section 10525, the list of voters for landowner voting district **elections** in which absentee voting is allowed shall be delivered to the county **elections** official at least 40 days prior to the election.

(f) The sample ballot for landowner voting district **elections** in which absent voting is allowed shall be mailed at least 20 days before the election.

10532. Nothing in this part shall prohibit a voter of a district, or his legal representative, from voting by proxy if this right is provided for by the principal act of that district, and the requirements and qualifications necessary for voting by proxy shall be governed, as nearly as practicable, by the principal act of that district.

10533. (a) The county **elections** official shall prepare for each precinct one voter list and one roster for each ballot form to be used at the polling place of the precinct at the general district election. Where, as provided by Section 10528, the county **elections** official provides for a consolidated ballot covering two or more district **elections** in the same precinct, the county **elections** official may also provide a consolidated voter list and consolidated roster for the voters receiving the consolidated ballot. The county **elections** official shall furnish each precinct board with its respective lists and rosters prior to the opening of the polls.

(b) For a landowner voting district election, the voter list shall specify the number of votes each voter is entitled to cast.

10534. If the county **elections** official fails to appoint a precinct board or the members appointed are not present when the polls open on the day of the general district election, a majority of the voters of the precinct present at that hour, including members of the precinct board, may appoint the precinct board or appoint a person in place of an absent member.

10535. The inspector is chairman of the precinct board.

10536. If during the election any judge or **elections** official ceases to act, the inspector may appoint a substitute.

10537. If the inspector ceases to act, a majority of the remaining members of the precinct board may appoint a substitute.

10538. Any member of a precinct board may administer and certify oaths required to be administered during an election.

10539. Before opening the polls, each member of the precinct board shall sign a declaration to perform faithfully his or her duties, before the inspector or before any other member of the board.

10540. Candidates' statements of their qualifications submitted in accordance with Section 13307 shall be filed with the county **elections** official, who shall cause the voters' pamphlet, if any is required, to be mailed.

10541. The polls shall open at 7 a.m. and remain open until 8 p.m.  
In any precinct in which all of the eligible voters have voted prior to the time for closing the polls, the precinct board may thereupon close the polls, canvass the votes and make the returns as required by law. However, regardless of the time of closing the polls, no totals of votes cast or other returns shall be announced or disclosed prior to 8 p.m.

10542. The principal act of each landowner voting district participating in the general district election shall govern the manner in which the ballot is delivered by the clerk or judge to a voter of that district, the method by which the voter casts his vote or votes, and the manner in which the ballot is returned by the voter to the clerk or judge and placed in the ballot box.

10543. Voting shall be conducted, the canvass at the polls made, and the returns delivered to the county **elections** official, except as otherwise provided by this part, as nearly as practicable in accordance with the provisions of this **code** pertaining to general **elections**.

10544. A governing body of a district may, by resolution, limit campaign contributions in **elections** to district offices.

10545. The envelope, certificate with the roster of voters, tally lists, voter list, and the marked copy of index of voters, if it is used, shall be:

(a) Sealed in an envelope by the inspector in the presence of the judge and clerk.

(b) Endorsed "Election returns of (naming the precinct) precinct."

(c) Directed to the county **elections** official.

(d) Immediately delivered by the inspector or by a responsible person designated by him, to the county **elections** official.

10546. Recount of votes in any general district election shall be governed by the provisions of Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 15600) of Division 15.

10547. The county **elections** official shall commence the canvass of the returns not later than the first Thursday after each general district election.

10548. The canvass shall be made in public and by opening the returns and determining the vote for each person voted for and declaring the results thereof.

10549. No roster, tally list, or certificate returned from any general district election shall be set aside or rejected for want of form if it can be satisfactorily understood.

10550. As soon as the result of the canvass by the county **elections** official is declared, the county **elections** official shall prepare and mail a statement of the result to the secretary of each district participating in the general district election. The statement shall be signed by the county **elections** official, authenticated by the seal of the county and shall show:

(a) The number of ballots cast for elective offices of that district and, when directors of that district are elected by divisions, the number of ballots cast in each division.

(b) The name of each candidate for an elective office of that district voted for and the office.

(c) The number of votes cast in each precinct for each candidate.

(d) When directors are elected by divisions, the number of votes cast in each division for each candidate for the office of director from that division.

(e) The number of votes cast in the district for all other elective offices of that district.

10551. (a) No later than the Monday before the first Friday in December the county **elections** official shall declare the elected candidate or candidates. If there is but one person to be elected to an elective office, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast for the candidates for that office shall be declared elected. If there are two or more persons to be elected to an elective office, those candidates equal in number to the number to be elected who receive the highest number of votes for the office shall be declared elected.



(b) If a **tie** vote makes it impossible to determine which of two or more candidates has been elected, the county **elections** official shall notify the governing body of the district thereof, and the governing body shall forthwith notify the candidates who have received the **tie** votes to appear before it either personally or by representative at a time and place designated by the governing body. The governing body shall, at that time and place, determine the **tie** by lot and the results thereof shall be declared by the governing body. The candidate so chosen shall qualify, take office and serve as though elected at the preceding general district election.

10552. No later than December 31 immediately following a general district election, the county **elections** official shall file with the Secretary of State a statement containing all of the following for each election in the county held pursuant to this part:

- (a) The list of offices to be filled.
- (b) The name of each candidate, including occupational designation, if any.
- (c) The name of each successful candidate.
- (d) The number of voters eligible to vote in the district and, if voting is by division, the number of voters eligible to vote in each division.
- (e) The number of votes for each candidate.
- (f) The list of offices for which appointments have been made in lieu of election pursuant to Section 10515 together with names of the persons so appointed.

10553. The county **elections** official shall immediately make and deliver to each person elected a certificate of election signed by the county **elections** official.

10554. Elective officers, elected or appointed pursuant to this part, take office at noon on the first Friday in December next following the general district election. Prior to taking office, each elective officer shall take the official oath and execute any bond required by the principal act.

10555. Notwithstanding Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1000) of Division 1, no landowner voting district election shall be consolidated with any resident voter election regardless of whether it is held pursuant to this part. Except as specified in the preceding sentence, an election conducted by a district subject to this part may be consolidated with any other election pursuant to Part 3 (commencing with Section 10400).

10556. No informalities in the conduct of the general district election or any matters related to it shall invalidate the election if fairly conducted.

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S1	244408	PUSH?? OR TIE OR TIES OR TIED OR DRAW OR NO()WINNER
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S4	4660	BLACKJACK? OR BLACK()JACK? OR TWENTY()ONE OR VINGT()ET()UN OR VAN()JOHN OR PONTOON
S5	973816	VANJOHN OR VINGTETUN OR TWENTYONE OR 21 OR SNAPPER
S6	24688	CASINO? OR GAMING OR GAMBLING OR GAMBLE? ? OR CARD()GAME? ? OR CARDGAME? OR CARDPLAY? OR CARD()PLAY? OR PLAY?(2N)CARD?
S7	573415	HAND? ? OR ROUND? ? OR DEAL? ?
S8	175306	RANDOM?? OR PSEUDORANDOM?(3N) (DISTRIBUTION? OR NUMBER? OR - GENERAT? OR ALGORITHM? OR OUTCOME? OR SEQUENCE? OR PROBABILIT- ?)
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S13	125	S12 AND S1:S3(5N)S7
S14	41	S12 AND S1:S3(5N) (S4 OR VANJOHN OR VINGTETUN OR TWENTYONE - OR SNAPPER)
S15	24	S13 AND S14
S16	142	S13:S15
S17	84	S16 AND S10
S18	142	S16:S17
S19	123	S18 AND S6
S20	142	S18:S19
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BLACKJACK -STYLE GAME

JEU DU STYLE VINGT - ET - UN

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English Abstract

A **Blackjack** -style game which has rules similar to traditional **Blackjack**, except a single hard value of one is assigned to all Aces. A virtual embodiment allows a player to cut the cards which are then placed in shoe (200). A player places a bet by dragging chips (210) to betting area (205). Once a player places a bet the deal button (245) becomes active. Other player buttons are provided based on the rules of the game including a surrender button (267), split button (265), double button (260), stand button (255), and hit button (250). Additionally, fun balance display (270) shows a player's balance and played cards are discarded in the discard pile display (275).

French Abstract

La presente invention concerne un jeu du style **vingt - et - un** dont les regles sont similaires au 21 classique, excepte le fait qu'une valeur unique fixe de un est attribuee a tous les as. Une forme de realisation virtuelle permet a un joueur de couper les cartes qui sont ensuite placees dans un sabot (200). Un joueur place un pari en faisant glisser des jetons (210) jusqu'a une zone de pari (205). Des qu'un joueur a place un pari, le bouton repartition (245) devient actif. D'autres boutons sont prevus en fonction des regles du jeu, tels qu'un bouton abandon (267), un

bouton division (265), un bouton doublement (260), un bouton refus (255) et un bouton succes (250). De surcroit, un affichage (270) du solde presente au joueur son solde et les cartes jouees sont envoyees dans l'affichage (275) de pile de cartes jetees.

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**FALSE OUTCOMES IN A GAMING DEVICE**

**RESULTATS FAUX DANS UN APPAREIL DE JEUX DE HASARD**

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**English Abstract**

In accordance with one or more embodiments, a method for outputting an outcome for a game of a **gaming** device is presented, wherein the method comprises first outputting an apparent outcome for the game (515) and then outputting an actual outcome for the game (535). In one or more embodiments, a benefit corresponding to the apparent outcome may not be provided to the player playing the **gaming** device. For example, a hopper may be prevented from dispensing a payout associated with the apparent outcome. In accordance with one or more embodiments, a character (e.g., an animated character) may be displayed as changing the apparent outcome into the actual outcome.

**French Abstract**

La presente invention se rapporte a une ou plusieurs formes de

realisation d'un procede de sortie d'un resultat pour un jeu d'un  
appareil de jeux de hasard, ledit procede consistant a sortir d'abord un  
resultat apparent pour le jeu (515) puis a sortir un resultat reel pour  
le jeu (535). Dans au moins une des formes de realisation, un benefice  
correspondant au resultat apparent peut ne pas etre donne au joueur  
jouant avec l'appareil de jeux de hasard. Par exemple, une tremie peut  
etre empêche de distribuer un gain associe au resultat apparent. Selon  
au moins une forme de realisation, un personnage (par exemple, un  
personnage anime) peut etre affiche lors du changement intervenant entre  
le resultat apparent et le resultat reel.

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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LINKED PLAY GAMING WITH COMBINED OUTCOMES AND  
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**PROCEDE ET DISPOSITIF DE JEU COLLECTIF AVEC RESULTATS COMBINES ET INDICES  
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#### English Abstract

The invention includes a system and method for providing linked play via **gaming** and other devices wherein players may share and combine outcomes or parts thereof. In some embodiments, a **casino** server (102) registers a group for linked play and a group objective and format are established. The linked play commences according to the group format on the **gaming** devices (104, 106, 108) while the **casino** server (102), or another device, concurrently facilitates interaction between the group members operating the **gaming** devices (104, 106, 108). During the interaction, players may combine outcomes in an attempt to win group prizes. The linked play is terminated according to the group format and a determination is made by the **casino** server (102) whether the group objective has been achieved. Prizes are awarded via the **gaming** devices if the group objective was achieved.

#### French Abstract

L'invention concerne un systeme et un procede destines a fournir un jeu collectif au moyen de dispositifs de jeu et analogues, et permettant aux joueurs de partager et de combiner des resultats ou des parties correspondantes. Dans certains modes de realisation, un serveur de **casino** (102) enregistre un groupe pour un jeu collectif, un objectif et un format de groupe etant etablis. Le jeu collectif commence selon le format de groupe sur les dispositifs de jeu (104, 106, 108). Simultanement, le serveur de **casino** (102), ou un autre dispositif, facilite l'interaction entre les membres du groupe utilisant les dispositifs de jeu (104, 106, 108). Pendant cette interaction, les joueurs peuvent combiner des resultats dans l'intention de gagner des prix de groupe. Ce jeu collectif est termine selon le format de groupe, le serveur de **casino** (102) determinant alors si l'objectif de groupe a ete atteint. Les prix sont distribues par l'intermediaire des dispositifs de jeu si l'objectif de groupe a ete atteint.

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GAMING SYSTEM AND METHOD OF OPERATION THEREOF  
SYSTEME DE JEU ET PROCEDE DE FONCTIONNEMENT

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English Abstract

A **gaming** system (1) comprises a primary wagering facility (6) which is usable by a player to place an initial wager on a turn of a game of **blackjack**, and a secondary wagering facility (7) which automatically places a side wager on the same turn of the game of **blackjack**. The system provides for two **blackjack** hands, a first one for the player and a second one for a dealer. The system includes an accumulation facility (10) which accumulates a fixed portion of the wager in a pooled jackpot. The side wager relates to an outcome of a first three cards dealt in the player's hand. In particular, the side wager is deemed to be successful if one or more of the first three cards dealt in the player's hand is of a predetermined rank, or is of a particular suite, or both. In order to increase the appeal of the **gaming** system, the predetermined rank is selected to be a seven, and the particular suite is selected to be diamonds. The successful wager pays an amount of at least 2 times the side wager if the first card dealt is a seven, 10 times the wager if the two cards dealt are sevens but of different suites, 20 times the side wager if the first 2 cards dealt are sevens and of the same suite, 100 times the side wager if the first three cards dealt are sevens and not all of the same suite, and 250 times the side wager if the first three cards dealt are all sevens and of the same suite. The successful wager pays the amount of the pooled jackpot if the first three cards dealt are all seven of diamonds.



#### French Abstract

L'invention concerne un systeme (1) de jeu comprenant un poste (6) de mise principale permettant a l'utilisateur de placer une mise pour une partie d'un jeu de **blackjack** ( vingt - et - un ), et un poste (7) de mise secondaire qui place automatiquement une mise secondaire pour la meme partie de **blackjack** . Ce systeme comprend une unite (10) de capitalisation qui capitalise une portion predeterminee de la mise dans une cagnotte cumulee. La mise secondaire porte sur le resultat des trois premieres cartes distribuees dans la main du joueur. De maniere plus specifique, la mise secondaire est obligatoirement gagnante si une ou plusieurs de ces trois premieres cartes presente une valeur predeterminee et/ou sont d'une couleur particuliere. Afin d'augmenter l'attrait de ce systeme de jeu, la valeur predeterminee selectionnee est le sept, et la couleur particuliere selectionnee est carreau. Une mise gagnante permet de remporter un montant representant au moins 2 fois la mise secondaire si la premiere carte distribuee est un sept, 10 fois la mise secondaire si les deux cartes distribuees sont des sept mais de couleur differente, 20 fois la mise secondaire si les deux premieres cartes distribuees sont des sept de meme couleur, 100 fois la mise secondaire si les trois premieres cartes distribuees sont des sept mais pas tous de la meme couleur, et 250 fois la mise secondaire si les trois premieres cartes distribuees sont toutes des sept de la meme couleur. La mise gagnante permet de remporter le montant de la cagnotte cumulee si les trois premieres cartes sont toutes des sept de carreau.

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METHOD OF PLAYING SINGLE OR MULTIPLE HAND TWENTY - ONE CARD GAME  
PROCEDE PERMETTANT DE JOUER UNE OU PLUSIEURS DONNES D'UN JEU DE 32 CARTES

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English Abstract

A method of playing a **Blackjack** or **Twenty - One** game that will enable a player to play single or multiple hands and/or wagers against single or multiple dealer hands in a rapid and substantially automatic fashion. In addition, the player can preselect the point value at which to "stand," "split," "double," "surrender," and/or "take insurance," when playing single or multiple hands. The preselected strategy can then be duplicated across all player hands being played. The player can also select to "auto-play" one or more hands according to a preset strategy.

French Abstract

Un procede destine a jouer au **blackjack** ou au **vingt et un** permet a un joueur de jouer une ou plusieurs donnes et/ou des mises contre un ou plusieurs banquiers d'une maniere rapide et sensiblement automatique. De plus, le joueur peut preselectionner la valeur du point pour lequel on <=reste>=, on <=joue deux donnes>=, on <=double la mise>=, on <=creve>= et/ou on <=s'assure>= lorsqu'on joue une ou plusieurs donnes. La strategie preselectionnee peut ensuite etre dupquee dans toutes les donnes de joueur jouees. Le joueur peut aussi choisir de jouer automatiquement une ou plusieurs donnes en fonction d'une strategie prefixee.

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**GAMING SYSTEM FOR EXTENDED PLAYER RETENTION**  
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**English Abstract**

A system for extended player retention, that present jackpot events for a player which may never be lost or taken from them. The system includes a display (3) decrementing the distance that the player is from the jackpot event (8), based upon common events intrinsically included in the game, which may utilize a number of events for card and other types of games, and which event may provide for multiple jackpots in which the player is constantly presented (11) with a seemingly achievable distances at all times. The system may involve devices or methods which can be accomplished through human interaction or through devices (2). Each designed to achieve extended player retention in specific games. Differing types of jackpot occurrences can be seen by the player as progressing toward the final jackpot payout. In addition, the system can present games in which the player is constantly afforded a not-too-distant jackpot event.

#### French Abstract

La presente invention concerne un systeme de conservation de joueur etendue, qui presente des evenements de gros lots pour un joueur qui peut ne jamais etre perdu ou retire des evenements. Ledit systeme comprend un ecran (3) decremantant la distance du joueur par rapport a l'evenement de gros lot (8), en fonction d'evenements communs intrinsequement compris dans le jeu, qui peut faire appel a un certain nombre d'evenements pour jeux de carte et autres types de jeux, et qui peut egalement fournir de multiples gros lots dans lesquels le joueur se voit soumettre constamment (11) un parcours apparemment accessible a tout moment. Ledit systeme peut comprendre des dispositifs ou des procedes qui peuvent etre mis en oeuvre par l'intermediaire d'une interaction humaine ou par l'intermediaire de dispositifs (2). Chacun etant designe pour atteindre une conservation de joueur etendue dans des jeux specifiques. Des occurrences de gros lot de type different peuvent etre vues par le joueur au fur et a mesure de la progression vers le paiement integral du gros lot final. De plus, le systeme peut soumettre des jeux dans lesquels le joueur se voit proposer constamment un evenement de gros lot pas trop eloigne.

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CASINO **GAMES AND GAMING APPARATUS**  
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In a game of **blackjack** , a player has the option of increasing or  
decreasing the point value of his hand by a predetermined amount, e.g. +1  
or -1, if this improves the worth of his hand.

French Abstract

L'invention concerne, dans un jeu de **vingt - et - un** , la possibilite  
qu'a un joueur d'augmenter ou de diminuer la valeur en points de sa main  
selon une quantite predeterminee, p. ex +1 ou -1, si cela peut ameliorer  
la valeur de sa main.

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**JACKPOT AWARDING SYSTEM**

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**English Abstract**

The object of the present invention is a method of awarding prizes, also known as progressive jackpots, in association with a wagering game such as a Poker game. A particular application of this method is in association with a Poker game on an electronic **gaming** device. For awarding the progressive jackpot, players must accumulate in a counter a number of point corresponding exactly to one of the predetermined criteria. To obtain points, players have only to play the Poker game as on any other Poker machine. The points are added in the counter along with the winning outcomes in the game. A particular embodiment consists of awarding two kinds of points: win points and no-win points. With this embodiment, only win points are effective to win the progressive jackpot. The no-win points increase the counter values but can not lead to winning the jackpot.

**French Abstract**

L'invention concerne un procede permettant d'attribuer des cagnottes, egalement connues sous le nom de <= jackpots progressifs>=, associees a des jeux de pari tels que le poker. Une application particuliere de ce procede est associee a un jeu de poker effectue sur un dispositif de jeu electronique. Pour l'attribution d'un jackpot progressif, les joueurs doivent accumuler dans un compteur un nombre de points correspondant exactement a l'un des criteres predetermines. Pour obtenir des points, les joueurs jouent simplement a un jeu de poker semblable a celui qui se

joue sur d'autres machines. Les points sont additionnes dans le compteur, de meme que les resultats gagnants du jeu. Dans une forme de realisation particuliere, deux types de points sont attribues : des points gagnants et des points non gagnants. Seuls les points gagnants permettent de gagner le jackpot progressif. Les points non gagnants augmentent le nombre de points du compteur mais ne peuvent permettre de gagner le jackpot.

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**MODIFIED TWENTY-ONE CARD GAME**

**JEU DE VINGT-ET-UN MODIFIE**

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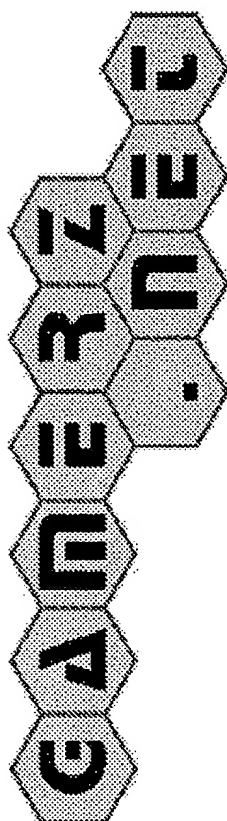
**English Abstract**

A method of playing a modified twenty-one card game by at least a dealer includes the steps of placing a wager at dealer bet areas (18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28). The player is awarded when the player correctly bets that the dealer will score at least one of a predetermined number of dealer outcomes, and playing the twenty-one game. The method also includes the steps of determining the score of the dealer, and comparing the score of the dealer to the predetermined number of dealer outcomes bet by the player. The player is awarded responsive to the wager and a coincidence between the dealer score and one of the predetermined number of dealer outcomes.

**French Abstract**

L'invention propose un procede modifie permettant de jouer au vingt-et-un au moins a un donneur et consistant a placer une mise dans les zones de pari du donneur (18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28). Le joueur recoit une recompense s'il mise correctement sur l'obtention par le donneur d'au moins un des resultats du donneur, dont le nombre est predetermine, et qu'il joue au vingt-et-un. Le procede consiste egalement a determiner les points du donneur et a les comparer au nombre predetermine des resultats du donneur sur lesquels mise le joueur. Le joueur recoit un recompense en fonction de la mise et d'une coincidence des points du donneur et de l'un des resultats du donneur, dont le nombre est predetermine.





# Blackout

## Introduction



Welcome to the network Blackout server. The rules of Blackout are below. The challenge and move commands for Blackout are described here. Other commands are the same for all pbmserv games.

## Blackout Command Summary

**blackout challenge [ parameters ] userid1 userid2 userid3 userid4**

Start a new game. Four players are required.

parameters:

-inorder

Players will play in the order specified. The default is to randomize player order at the beginning of the game.

-hook

The "hook" is enabled, requiring that the total bid for a hand not equal the total tricks of the hand. This results in at least one player not making their bid each hand. *This is the default behavior*

-nohook

Disables the hook. The total bid for a hand may equal the total tricks for the hand.

**blackout move board userid password move**

Make a move on the specified board (if it is your turn). There are two different types of move that can be made depending on the current phase of the game.

bidding

During a bidding phase, players must bid the number of tricks they think they will take this hand. Bids are an integer from 0 to X, where X is the number of tricks in the hand.

Examples:

blackout move 123 foo bar 0

blackout move 123 foo bar 7

card playing

During the card playing phase, players must play a card from their hand. Specify cards using their rank and suit abbreviation.

Examples:

blackout move 123 foo bar AD

blackout move 123 foo bar 10C

blackout move 123 foo bar KH

blackout move 123 foo bar 2S

## Rules for Blackout

### INTRODUCTION

Blackout is a trick-winning card game. The object is to correctly bid how many tricks you will take each round.

The number of cards dealt increases with each round. The first round, each player receives one card. The last round, each player receives 13 cards. In each round except the last, the next card in the deck is turned up to determine the trump suit. In the last round, there is no trump.

Each hand, players must bid exactly the number of tricks they will take. Players who bid correctly will receive points equal to their bid plus 10 points. Players who bid incorrectly (too high or too low) will receive 0 points.

If the -hook option is enabled (the default), the last person to bid may not place a bid that would result in a total bid for all players equal to the total number of tricks in the hand.

## PLAY

At the beginning of each hand, all players must bid the number of tricks they will take. Bidding proceeds clockwise. After all bids are placed, the first player to bid leads the first trick.

In the first hand, a player sees every card *except his own*. After all bids are placed, the cards will be played automatically.

Players must follow the lead suit if possible. If they do not have a card in the lead suit, they may play a card from another suit, including the trump suit. If no trump is played, the highest card in the lead suit will win the trick. If trump is played, the highest trump card will win the trick. The player who wins a trick leads the next trick.

## ENDING THE GAME

A game consists of 13 hands. Once all 13 hands have been played, the player with the highest score wins the game. If there is a tie, the player who correctly bid the most rounds wins the game. If there is still a tie, winner is determined by coin flip.

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